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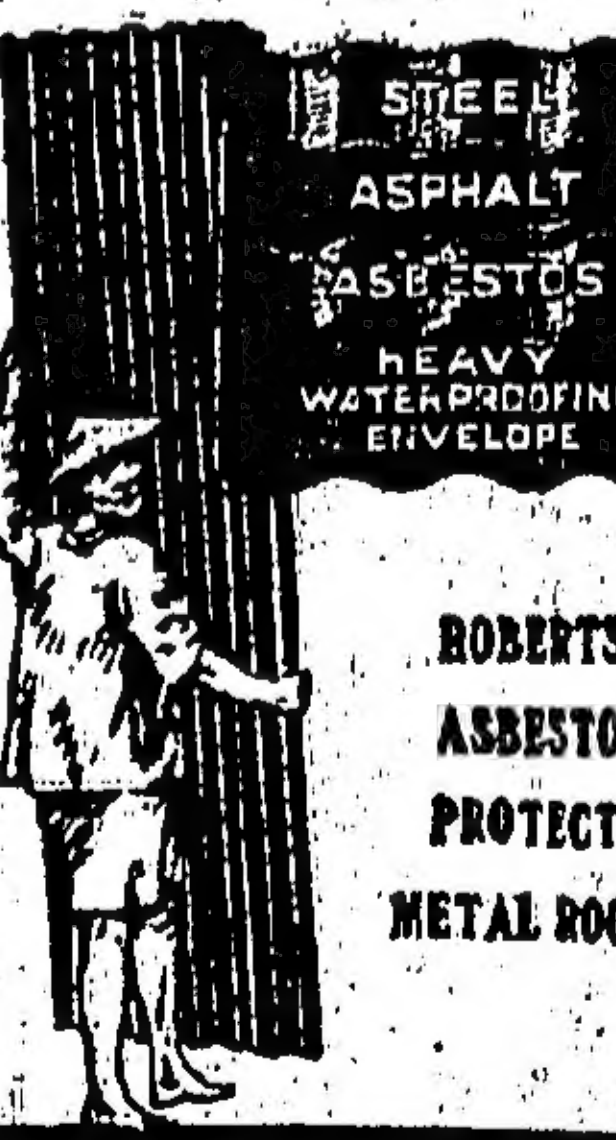
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DARING BURGLARY.

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW'S
EMPORIUM RANSACKED.

SAFE RESISTS "ATTACK."

Once again the gang of burglars who have been making their undesirable presence felt have been at work—this time at the commodious emporium of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Company, Limited, in Des Voeux Road, which suffered in a similar manner last year.

On the shop being opened at the usual hour this morning, a scene of confusion at once betrayed the fact that burglars had been busy. Boxes of socks had been emptied of their contents; silk handkerchiefs galore were missing and their boxes likewise left on the floor; little trays of Swan fountain pens had been cleared; watches of various makes and prices had been snatched from their cases; a roll of cloth was found on a counter in the front shop, having been carried down from the second floor and then forgotten by the thieves when they ceased operations.

In company with Mr. O. A. Smith, manager of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co.'s important branch here, a representative of the "China Mail" made a tour of the premises with the object of ascertaining the modus operandi of the burglars. At the very rear was found a huge gap in the wall, this having been made by a steel rod, which, incidentally, had been discarded and left on the ground after it had served its purpose. The thieves had gained access to the other side of the wall by means of a narrow door leading to the employees' staircase. Probably an accomplice was posted outside the door after the others had gone in and closed it behind them, so as to give the alarm in case of a visit from the night watchman or a constable on the beat. That the thieves must have known something about the construction of the wall is conjectured from the fact that, where this wall now stands, there was formerly a doorway leading direct from the shop to the narrow door at the back. This door was removed about three years ago and the space closed up. Hence this new portion of the wall was the more pliable of any part, and its easy access from the back entrance at once proved an "easy thing" for accomplished burglars.

Once inside, the nocturnal visitors appeared to have gone straight to the first floor, on which is situated the manager's office. With the aid of a spirit lamp and various tools—all of which were subsequently left behind—the thieves made a concerted attack on the safe, which, however, defied all their efforts, as was the case in the previous burglary last year. The lock and the combination working were "put out of commission" by the force used in endeavouring to open the safe, but eventually the gang had to own themselves defeated. The only inconvenience arising out of this incident was that Mr. Smith was unable to open his safe in the usual way this morning, thus being deprived all morning of his cash, books, and other keys used on the premises.

A hurried search seems to have been made by the unwelcome intruders around the first floor for anything of value to take away, care being observed not to remove anything too bulky to go through the opening in the wall downstairs. The burglars next retraced their steps to the ground floor, where their operations have already been described. Amongst the loot was a roll of 60 yards of flannel. At the moment it is quite impossible to give any estimate of the value of the goods stolen or, indeed, to enumerate what exactly has gone. It so happened that to-day was to witness the commencement of stock-taking by the staff, in readiness for which goods had already been scheduled. The staff to-day are already checking the lists with the goods, so that it should be comparatively simple—once this is completed—to assess the value of the losses.

It is a peculiar coincidence that one of the employees this morning reported to the manager that he saw a light in the premises last night at 10.30 o'clock. Unfortunately, in spite of the recent series of burglaries, he had not

PROPERTY FACTS.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE CO.
MEETING.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Mr. Henry Humphreys presided over the annual meeting of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., held at the Hongkong Hotel this morning. Supporting him were—Messrs. J. Scott Harston, W. L. Patten, the Very Rev. Father Robert, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. J. M. Alves (directors), also the following shareholders: Messrs. L. S. Greenhill, D. E. Clarke, J. D. Humphreys, and C. Bulmer Johnson.

The Chairman said: "Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditors' report, have been in your hands for the past fortnight, so with your permission I will take them as read."

"For the second year in succession we have no profits to record under the heading of sales

PRINCES' WORK.

SMITHFIELD'S MEAT MEN'S
CHEERS.

DRINKS, COFFEE AT TAVERN.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 19.

The Prince of Wales and his brother the Duke of York, were to-day both giving further evidence, if any were needed, of their active interest in the industries of the country and in the conditions under which they are carried on.

The Prince of Wales surprised London's central meat market at Smithfield by an informal visit at the early hour of half-past seven. He was immediately recognised by market workers who gave him a cordial reception. Porters thronged round and cheered. Some of the men put down carcasses of beef which they were carrying and pressed forward to shake him by

OBITUARY.

LOCAL PAY CORPS CHIEF'S
DEATH.

LT.-COL. J. B. R. BACCHUS.

Overcome with heart failure while on his way to office yesterday morning, Lieut.-Col. J. B. R. Bacchus, R.A.P.C., Command Paymaster and Treasury Chest Officer, died at his house, No. 10, Queen's Gardens, before medical aid could reach him.

Nearly 52 years of age, the deceased officer came to Hongkong in October, 1924 from Edinburgh and was due for retirement in three years. Recently he had suffered from bad health and a trip to Japan was thought to have done him some good. He was at Woolwich during the war.

Colonel Bacchus was a keen golfer and a supporter of other branches of sport. He leaves a widow with whom much sympathy is felt.

Impressive funeral.

Impressive scenes were witnessed

CRIMINAL CODE.

SEQUEL TO HAYLEY MORRIS
CASE.

BILL IN THE COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 19.

A sequel to the recent Hayley Morris case was heard in the House of Commons when a bill to increase the powers of the Court to inflict punishment in the case of certain crimes was presented for second reading by Mr. W. Greaves-Lord, K.C. (Conservative, Lambeth, Norwood).

The main object of the Bill is to empower the substitution of penal servitude for consecutive terms of ordinary imprisonment.

The Secretary of State for Home Affairs (Sir W. Joynson-Hicks) supported the Bill. He said it was quite possible that he would shortly ask the House to review the whole question of Penology. He would suggest to the Committee considering the Bill that such sentences imposed by a Judge be limited to ten years' penal servitude or five years if tried at the Quarter Sessions.

The opposition to the Bill was based on disagreement with any policy of increased sentences of imprisonment.

The measure was read a second time on a division, which resulted:

For second reading . . . 123
Against . . . 38

Majority . . . 85

COMMERCE TREATY.

THE UNITED STATES AND
TURKEY.

EFFECT ON THE CUSTOMS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Constantinople, Feb. 19.

A modus vivendi between Turkey and the United States has been signed giving the United States most favoured nation commercial treatment for a period of six months.

The United States is consequently excluded from the operation of the increased Customs duties.

FRENCH CRISIS.

ANOTHER LOW RECORD FOR
THE FRANC.

TAXATION BILL DOOMED?

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Feb. 19.

A new low record for the franc of 136 to the £ has been registered, which is attributed to the confused Parliamentary situation. It is most doubtful if the new Taxation Bill will be adopted by the end of the month. A grave conflict between the two Chambers looms on the horizon, the Senate Finance Committee having drastically altered the Chamber's decisions.

KING'S APPROVAL.

HONGKONG'S NEW PUISNE
JUDGE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 19.

The "London Gazette" notifies that His Majesty the King has appointed Mr. John Roderick Wood to be Puisne Judge in the Supreme Court of Hongkong.

FIRE AT SEA.

OUTBREAK ON THE "BOLTON"
SPREADING.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 19.

It is reported from Brest that the steamer "Bolton" is spreading to No. 3 hold. The steamer has been beached and the report will be filed.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/4 7/16.

KOWLOON MILITARY WEDDING.



Photo by Tanaka, Nathan Road (Kowloon).

Last Monday St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was the scene of the wedding of Miss Vera Alethea Emily Thompson (younger daughter of Captain W. J. Thompson, R.A.S.C. and Mrs. Thompson, of Kowloon), and Lieut. John Aylward Parkes, H.K.S.B.A. This group photograph was taken at Knutsford where the reception was held. The bridesmaids were Miss Evelyn Thompson (sister) and Miss Phyllis Curtis. The little Misses Pamela and Audrey Savage were train-bearers. Lieut. R. C. Cobbold, H.K.S.B.A., was best man and Lieut. H. H. Croftier, R.A., acted as groomsmen.

of property.

"The net profit for the period under review shows an increase of \$2,221.29 compared with that of the previous year and the amount we propose to carry forward is larger, viz: \$98,729.14 as against \$89,879.94 for the year 1924."

"The accounts are simplicity itself and call for very little explanation."

"The item 'Fire and Earthquake Premium' is bigger than usual because it includes for the first time earthquake risk and fire caused by earthquake. 'Accounts Receivable' consist almost entirely of outstanding rents and 'Sundry Creditors' of amounts due to general managers, directors, auditors and depositors."

"I have no further remarks to make, gentlemen, but if any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall be pleased to answer them."

"As there were no questions, Mr. L. S. Greenhill seconded the adoption of the report and accounts and the motion was carried unanimously."

The re-election of the directors was proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. Bulmer Johnson, and carried.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a fee of \$250 each, on the proposition of Mr. Clarke seconded by Mr. J. D. Humphreys.

The presence of mind to communicate the fact to the manager by telephone.

The Police authorities were apprised of the burglary as soon as it was found out and Inspector Doring of the Criminal Investigation Department has been specially assigned for the enquiry

the hand. Salesmen banged their

cleavers on their cutting up-blocks

by way of greeting. The Prince

proceeded to visit several stalls

where he asked innumerable ques-

tions about the meat trade, parti-

cularly regarding produce from

overseas dominions. He watched

every stage in the preparation of

meat for the retailer and inspected

the up-to-date refrigerating

arrangements of the market. Be-

fore he left the Prince drank a cup

of coffee at the bar of the market

tavern used by salesmen and

porters. He left amid a great

ovation.

The Duke of York.

ed when the funeral took place from

Wellington Barracks this morning.

The East Surreys provided an

escort of 300 rank and file also the

drums, which sections preceded the

procession.

Following the coffin (drawn by

eight warrant officers) were the

following pall bearers: Lieut. Col.

Montague Bates (East Surreys);

Lieut. Col. Boylan Smith (R.A.M.C.); Lieut. Col. Stephen

(R.A.O.C.); Lieut. Col. Mackintosh

(R.E.'s); Lieut. Col. Trevelyan

(R.E.'s); Lieut. Col. Gunn (R.A.);

Lieut. Col. Coates (6/2 Punjab);

Major Hattersley Smith (R.A.).

Other officers (each unit being

represented) followed, also a de-

achment of the deceased officer's

own corps, the R.A.P.C.

The band played the Slow March

as the procession left the Barracks

shortly after 10 a.m., all traffic

being held up.



The Prince of Wales.



The Duke of York.

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PIRATES' LAIR.

NEST AT BIAS BAY MUST BE
ROOTED OUT.

DUTY OF THE CHINESE

In the course of an editorial on the sentences of the "Tungchow" pirates, the "N.C. Daily News" says:—

The nest of pirates in Bias Bay has to be rooted out. There is not the slightest question about the place from where these men come, and we believe that it has also been established that the other pincers in which Shanghai is especially interested emanated from this home. Regarding this, one part of the decision of the French Mixed Court, is of particular importance, for while four men have been sentenced to death, a fifth has been handed over to the Chinese authorities for further investigation. It should be possible for these authorities to fix the situation of this pirate nest, so exactly that a net, not necessarily very widely spread, should bring them all within its compass. Probably it will require some sort of amphibious operation, but the Chinese have the men and the ships to do it, if only the political influences in that part of the country will give the necessary permission for their use. It is a campaign they ought to undertake primarily for the protection of their own shipping, which has suffered more than any other, at any rate, in these more northerly seas, and if this opportunity is missed, the loss of prestige will be considerable. But it must be grasped at once, and all the evidence brought out in the French Court as to the pirate lair be used to immediate advantage. Otherwise the culprits may have moonlighted away.

EVENING DRESS.

COLOURED MATERIALS NOT
FAVoured.

NARROW SLEEVE.

A certain set of would-be fashion leaders in Paris have made a very big endeavour to introduce coloured materials for men's evening wear this season, but so far have failed.

This is only a sequel to the efforts made in the same direction in London some years ago, but a campaign of this sort is always doomed, because women do not approve of men wearing colours. They claim that that is their privilege and if men wore anything but black it would be necessary for the smart women to ascertain what particular colour evening suit her escort intended wearing; otherwise her own dress might not tone in with it.

The vogue for the tailed evening coat is amazing; at the smart restaurants and dance clubs the tailed coat, white waistcoat, and white tie are as much in evidence as the smoking. The fashion for the narrow sleeve becomes more pronounced, and in Paris to-day, in order to get the desired effect, it is necessary to thread the links through the cuffs after the shirt has been put on.

Talking of cuffs, the best-dressed men are favouring the double one, but this is followed closely by the single variety but with rounded corners.

The newest evening shirt fronts carry horizontal stripes patterned in the white batiste or marcella, and are quite good-looking worn with plain white evening waistcoats.

Mr. and Mrs. Sasstein are in great trouble. It appears that Mrs. Sasstein went out and lost her handbag, which contained all her jewellery and a beautiful pearl necklace, given to her by her husband at a wedding present. They are both terribly upset at the loss.

Mr. Sasstein remarked to a friend, "It isn't so much the loss of the jewellery, but there was a pound note in the bag."



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CANTON ISSUE.

THE GOVERNOR'S RECENT
STATEMENT.

FULL ENDORSEMENT.

In an editorial in its issue of February 9 the "Shanghai Times" says:—

Sir Cecil Clementi, the new Governor of Hongkong, following the excellent example set by his predecessor clearly set forth in a speech before the Legislative Council last Thursday his attitude towards the anti-British boycott in Kwangtung. From this speech the Canton Government can obtain little comfort, as the Hongkong Government will continue to maintain a firm stand in respect to its treaty rights and for fair dealing between nations with close commercial relations. Sir Cecil declared that the boycott continues in spite of the efforts made by Hongkong to bring it to a close, and he showed that the Canton authorities cannot take shelter behind the Strike Committee. He said: "We hold the Canton Government to be principals in this matter." It will be recalled that the boycott originated from a strike, which according to a communiqué issued last month by the Canton Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, "was instituted by Hongkong workers, not for economic reasons, but as a protest against the British Government," and which is claimed in a resolution recently passed at a special meeting of the four Chambers of Commerce in Canton to be "a patriotic demonstration of the people for the honour of the country." If this is so, how came it that the Canton Strike Committee was obliged from the outset to maintain thousands of strike pickets, in Canton and elsewhere, in order to prevent the Hongkong workers from returning to their employment in the Colony? The strike is now, to all intents and purposes, a thing of the past, and in spite of every means of intimidation employed by the Canton Strike Committee, almost the whole body of Hongkong labourers is now again at work. Thus the workers do not appear to have much sympathy with this "patriotic demonstration" for the honour of their country. Sir Cecil declared that it was certain that the anti-British boycott in Kwangtung would not last another day, but for the unlawful tyranny imposed upon the Cantonese people by the Strike Committee. He challenged that Committee to put the matter to the test by withdrawing pickets and abstaining from all forcible interference with trade in Kwangtung.

Having fixed official responsibility, the Governor of Hongkong went on to make it quite clear that the Hongkong Government could only negotiate with the Canton Government, not with the Strike Committee, as the Canton Commissioner of Foreign Affairs suggested it should do. Without the support of the Canton authorities the Strike Committee would not dare to indulge in flagrant violations of treaty rights. Thus the Canton Government's neglect to stop these illegalities throws grave doubt on its professed sincerity in desiring an early settlement, and in the words of Sir Cecil, makes it difficult to give credence to the statement in the communiqué of the Canton Commissioner of Foreign Affairs that "the Government at Canton, though deeply interested in the issue, was not a party to the strike or boycott." The Canton Government is the principal of the Hongkong Government will negotiate with it only, and moreover will hold it responsible for all losses incurred owing to these illegal activities.

It is impossible to state the matter in more precise terms. Having stated it, it is as well to add that Hongkong desires an honourable and lasting settlement of the boycott and remains prepared to negotiate such a settlement, with the competent authorities in Kwangtung. "We in this Colony," said the Governor, "are animated by the friendliest feelings towards our neighbours in Kwangtung province, and we are persuaded that the great mass of the Cantonese people are still, as they used to be, ready and willing to trade with us in the most amicable manner to our mutual advantage. Only the unlawful activities of the Canton Strike Committee, instigated by Bolshevik intrigue, prevent the resumption of normal relations between Canton and Hongkong on the old, familiar footing." Will the Canton Government put an end to these illegalities? At the moment men who are making considerable fortunes as a result of the boycott are doing their utmost to prohibit it. The question of patriotism does not enter into it so far as they are personally concerned; the patriotism of others is only invoked by them because it is extremely useful. The sacrifices that are being made are those of the people who are helpless to carry on the trade they have fostered for many years, the rewards of which have never been by any means negligible.

TISSUE IN PLANTS.

DISCOVERIES OF INDIAN
SCIENTIST.

"LIKE HUMAN BEINGS."

Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose, F.R.S., the scientist, has announced the discovery of muscular tissue in plants. Sir Jagadish produced astounding results in support of his contention that there is no sensitiveness in the human being which is not found also in the plant.

He showed that mimosa was provided with a highly developed muscular system which contracted when struck, and later during his lecture he demonstrated by means of diagrams and charts registered by the plants themselves the effect of alcohol on plants, the chart showing first a depression and then exaltation as observed in human beings.

Another remarkable demonstration showed that plants, again like human beings, have periods of consciousness and unconsciousness, as typified in human beings by sleep. An experiment started in the evening at five o'clock showed a plant fully conscious until after midnight, drowsiness gradually following, and the plant being "asleep" at six o'clock and fully awake again at noon.

It was found that a short palm tree growing at a high angle from the ground bent towards the ground when the temple bells commenced, and that it would rise again in the morning to its normal condition. The tree had been regarded as a marvel and had attracted pilgrims from all parts of the country. He found that the phenomenon was in one way unique, for all trees exhibited the same trait under the same influence in various degrees of intensity.

TEC'S LEGACY.

REWARDING A GOOD
ROUND-UP.

\$15,000 FOR C. I. D. MAN.

An ex-C.I.D. officer is said to be taking up temporary residence in Austria under extraordinary circumstances.

He is doing so, reports the "Westminster Gazette," to qualify for \$15,000 which has been left to him by an Argentine millionaire in gratitude for services rendered.

A poverty-stricken man, named Epstein, left Vienna for Buenos Ayres, and made his fortune.

In 1923, while he was staying at a hotel in the rue de Rivoli, Paris, a quartette of international crooks played a confidence trick upon him to the tune of \$18,000.

Mr. Epstein was unwilling to seek police aid, but enlisted the services of Mr. Bishop, who at this time was a private inquiry agent.

Mr. Bishop had a very good idea who the conspirators were, and without loss of time he went to a garret of a building near the Grand Boulevard, being accompanied only by a friend, a French detective.

Dashing into the room, they discovered the quartette in the act of dividing the plunder, and as a result of Mr. Bishop's bold demand the money was handed over on condition that the rogues were allowed to leave the city.

Mr. Epstein could scarcely believe his eyes when his money was brought back to him the same night, and though he generously rewarded Mr. Bishop at the time, he made a will just before he died and bequeathed \$15,000 to the former C.I.D. officer.

Under the Austrian laws a legatee must have resided in the country three months to justify a bequest of this kind, so Mr. Bishop is taking up his residence in Vienna.



MR. EPSTEIN, THE LEGATEE.

Miss Frances Parker Howard, Smith College graduate, is credited with having married John Rockefeller, President, grand-pope of the oil king, to fight his way back to Yale after his suspension.

NOTICES.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

The Sixth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association will be held in the ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, Kowloon, on MONDAY, 22nd February, 1926, at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS.

- 1—Adoption of Report and Accounts.
- 2—Election of Officers and Committee for the year 1926.
- 3—Any other business.

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will make an endeavour to be present at the meeting.

D. A. GOODWIN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th Feb., 1926.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS'
GUILD.

and
MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD
OF CHINA.

A COMBINED MEETING of the members of these Guilds will be held at the Guilds' Office, Sailors' Home, West Point, on SUNDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1926 AT 10.30 A.M.

Most Important Business.
A full attendance is imperatively necessary.

T. T. LAURENSEN,
Asst. Secretary, C.C.O.G.
W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary, M.E.G.C.
Hongkong, February 19, 1926.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 11th MARCH, 1926.

ENTRIES will DEFINITELY CLOSE at 1 p.m. on MONDAY, 1st MARCH, 1926, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but intending Exhibitors are requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Schedules have been sent to all members who have paid their subscription for the current year.

MEMBERS who have not yet paid their subscription and ALL THOSE who wish to join the SOCIETY are requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, for Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, February 17, 1926.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND
FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 10th February to the 22nd February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1926.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 15th February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1926 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1926.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, February 23rd, 1926, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Director and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, February 12th, 1926, to TUESDAY, February 23rd, 1926, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors
F. H. CRAPPELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, February 4th, 1926.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell and Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 25th February to 4th March, 1926, both dates inclusive.

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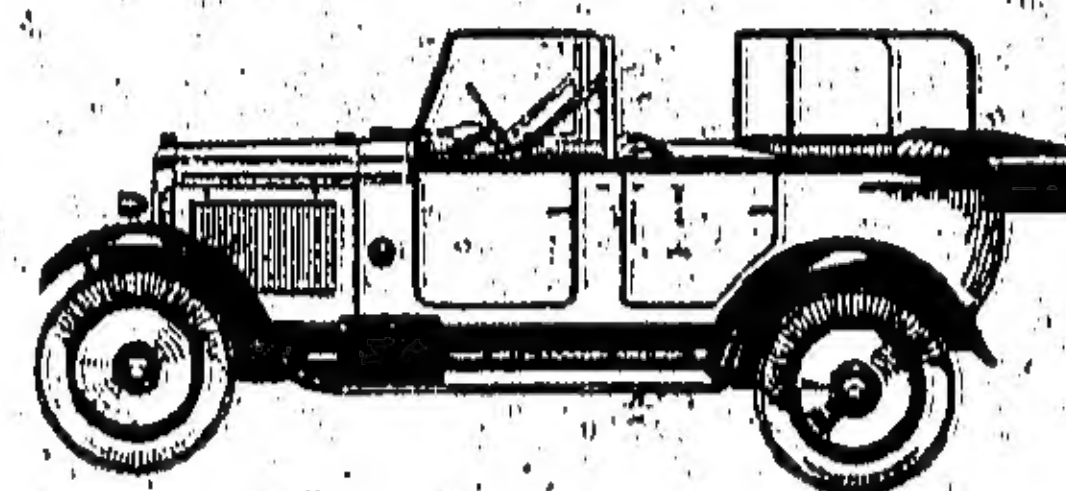
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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Quiet and featureless may best describe the happenings of the past week. Locally, the Chinese New Year celebrations have been indulged in, giving food for thought as to how many similar festivals will come and go before chaos yields place to order in China. The holidays associated with the Chinese New Year passed equally quietly, only the interport, golf fixtures, and the Fanning Hunt Club steeplechase meeting serving to break the monotony the while our local footballers were losing the big interport game in Shanghai by the narrow margin of a goal and winning a secondary encounter by five goals to nil. Socially, the interport golfers' dinner and a dancing display by Miss Daisy O'Keefe's pupils aroused a certain amount of interest and enthusiasm, both functions being tempered by the regret felt at the news of the passing away in London of Mr. D. K. Blair, whose activities whilst in the Colony earned for him universal admiration and appreciation. In other respects all that has occurred to "mark the calendar" has been another daring burglary in the heart of the city. Altogether, the week, as indicated, would have been more or less, flat, stale, and profitless but for one redeeming feature—the statement of His Excellency the Governor at the Engineers' dinner respecting the determined attempts made by the Canton Strike Committee to persuade the members of the Chinese Engineering Guild to "down tools." As His Excellency remarked, the Guild, in refusing to obey the behests of Canton, had set a fine example, which others had followed. Chinese New Year had well begun, and the victory over the Canton Strike Committee was complete.

Outside the Colony, pride of place may be given to the acceptance by the House of Commons of the Treaty with Iraq. Great Britain's case was ably presented by the Secretary of State for the Dominions and the Colonies (Mr. L. M. S. Amery). He literally pulled to pieces the Labour amendment, the adoption of which, he declared, would mean that "we should make ourselves ridiculous in the eyes of the League of Nations, contemptible in the eyes of the Turks, and odious in the eyes of the people of Iraq whom we should have betrayed." No less interesting in this connection was Sir Austen Chamberlain's disclosure of his refusal, at Turkish bidding in March of last year, to barter away Iraq's welfare to British capitalists—thus giving the lie to the Labourite allegations that British policy in Iraq had been solely actuated by sordid oil concessions. Statesmen and politicians of all nations interested in the League have been freely expressing their views during the week on the extension or otherwise of the League Council as soon as Germany's application for admission is granted. The consensus of opinion is that, for the moment, at any rate, any extension of the membership of the Council, beyond Germany, would be inopportune. The most reasoned pronouncement on the subject comes from that veteran South African statesman, General Smuts, who states that for Germany "Locarno means the voluntary, deliberate, and final renunciation of Alsace-Lorraine. Is this nothing to France? Is this to be lightly treated, and are others, then, to be asked to guarantee the frontiers of France in the future? Surely the situation between Germany and France specially calls for honourable dealings and a scrupulous regard of all the proprieties. Locarno began as a gentleman's business. Let it be completed in that spirit."

Another event worth recording is the completion of the flight from London to Capetown by Mr. Alan Cobham—an accomplishment that again brings British progress in the realm of aviation well to the fore. As a minor occurrence may be mentioned the end of the marine wireless operators' strike at Home, which has been in progress since last November. The employees have resumed duty at a reduced rate of pay, but all their demands are to be made the subject of negotiations and, failing these, arbitration. Next, there comes the news of the Soviet negotiations with Austria for munitions and explosives, including the whole equipment of the Vienna arsenal and the Danube boat building works at Fische, and the negotiations succeed, the Powers may well "keep their

eyes" on the Soviet and her intentions toward her neighbours in the not very distant future. Finally, the franc has fallen to a new low level, owing to the financial deadlock and the fears of M. Briand's Cabinet being wrecked.

UNDERSTANDING.

Much, if not all of life's worries and difficulties are due to mis-understandings. It is probable that the difficulties through which we are passing in the Far East can be traced to some initial misunderstanding allowed to grow and become large in size by the additions of matters outside the original point at issue. In this way each side views the other as through coloured spectacles. But recently two types of East and West have made utterances which may be taken as indicative of opposite views. Rabinathan Tagore, the Indian mystic, tells us that "the view that Asia gets of the West in their mutual dealings is that of a titanic power with an endless curiosity to analyse and know, but without sympathy to understand; with numberless arms, to coerce and acquire, but no serenity of soul to realise and enjoy." The mystic, like the onlooker, may see most of life. The West has seriously to consider if this is a true picture. Some of us will dispute the statement either wholly or in part—a few that part of it which states the absence of serenity of soul to realise and enjoy. This utterance may fit in with the fact that the evil that men do lives after them; the good, buried with their bones. In a tribute to a great orientalist, scholar and diplomatist—Sir Charles Eliot—it was said that he was more interested in the discovery of some ancient eastern manuscript than in the latest scientific discovery. In other words, he had the serenity of soul to realise and enjoy. His type may be few in numbers, but it is the type that does more for civilisation than any other.

Sir Austen Chamberlain in the debate on the Iraq Treaty gave utterance to a fact, which should make us reasonably proud. "As Mandates and trustees, we cannot bargain away the rights and interests of Iraq in exchange for a concession to British capitalists." Here again is a statement which does not harmonise with Tagore's that the West is "without sympathy to understand." It is natural to say so, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that whatever may have been, the lack of sympathy in the past, the West has shown a willingness to understand and to help towards a complete understanding on both sides.

\$7,000 HAUL.

CITY ARMED ROBBERS' SUCCESS.

VICTIMS TIED UP.

About \$7,000 in cash and \$700 in jewellery comprised the loot taken by an armed robber gang at the Fook Chun Hang Bank, No. 4, Wing Wo Street (in the heart of the city, within a few paces of Sincere's main store), at 4.30 p.m. yesterday.

Pretending to deliver a letter, the robbers held up the staff with revolvers. The foks were gagged, their hands were tied behind their backs, and their legs were bound together so that one could not move without the other. It was not till the gang had left that the alarm was raised.

Later, The Police report says that there were five robbers, four having revolvers. The loot was \$7,387 and entrance was effected at 4 p.m.

\$50,000 CASE.

QUESTION OF BAIL DECIDED.

Mr. Easley Zeitlyn appeared to defend at yesterday's hearing of the case in which three Chinese merchants are charged with conspiracy to defraud the Wing On Co.'s banking department of \$50,000.

When Mr. Zeitlyn suggested that bail of from \$10,000 to \$5,000 would meet the case, Mr. F. C. Jenkins (prosecuting) replied that something nearer \$25,000 was nearer the mark and he had perhaps not outlined the case sufficiently against the third defendant who the evidence would show to be the master mind.

Mr. R. E. Lindell fixed bail for each at \$10,000 and an approved security of \$10,000. Hearing will commence next Tuesday afternoon, more than one sitting will be necessary.

INSTITUTE DINNER.

GOVERNOR ON STRIKE ATTEMPTS.

"COMPLETE VICTORY"

Future of Shipping And Engineering.

The dinner arranged by the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders instead of the usual dance at the City Hall was given to a very large number of members and a few distinguished guests at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel last night.

Mr. B. L. Frost presided, and among those supporting him were His Excellency the Governor, Comptroller A. J. B. Stirling, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Captain Steele, A.D.C. to the Governor, Capt. Pallot, D.S.O., R.N., Mr. J. S. Gillingham, Mr. B. B. Forster, Mr. J. Ormiston, Eng. Capt. McKinley, R.N., and Mr. Allan Cameron.

The President, Mr. B. L. Frost, proposing the future prosperity of the Engineering & Shipbuilding Industries of Hongkong, coupled with it the name of Mr. James Reid, Manager of Talkoo Dockyard & Engineering Co.

He referred to his early career and the great strides that had been made in all kinds of ships since then. He also referred to the early days of shipbuilding in Hongkong and to the enormous progress that had been made. Such local docks as Kowloon and Talkoo were monuments to the untiring energy and foresight of the British, and were examples of what could be done with Chinese labour properly handled; for without the Chinese these great undertakings could never have been carried out.

In conclusion, Mr. Frost asked Mrs. J. Reid, on behalf of members of the Institute, to accept an address and Chinese silver salver as a token of their esteem on his approaching retirement. As a member and past president, Mr. Reid had always taken a keen interest in the welfare of the Institute, ever giving a helping hand when needed.

In reply, Mr. Reid said he felt his approaching departure keenly. When he came to the Colony in 1908 as a raw young shipbuilder, he thought Hongkong was an easy place to live in, and that he had come to a "soft" job. He could assure them it had not been a soft job in Hongkong. It was one of the hardest jobs in the world. He had received considerable assistance from engineers in Hongkong, and many had helped him without knowing it.

Since he arrived in Hongkong the Colony had advanced by leaps and strides which one could hardly foresee. He was quite confident that Hongkong could produce ships and engines second to none in the world. They were sometimes annoyed and tempted to swear at the labour, but he did not think they would find better labour anywhere in the world. He was only sorry that circumstances were such that he had to leave the Colony.

Mr. R. M. Dyer, proposing "Our Honorary President," said, H.E. the Governor had spent his life in public service; a great portion of it in Hongkong. He was a man who put his heart and mind into his work as every honest man should do. He would like to assure him that the shipping and engineering industry in Hongkong had every confidence in him, and wished him the best of luck in his uphill battle at the present time.

The Governor's Speech. His Excellency the Governor, in reply, said he thanked Mr. Dyer very cordially for the way he had proposed the toast, and also those present for the way they had received it.

He spoke warmly of the work of engineers and shipbuilders and said the engineers had made the level land on the harbour front where, daily tasks were done. They had developed the wonderful industry of cutting down hills and throwing them into the sea. This was very characteristic of Hongkong.

They had made the Peak district accessible by trams and roads, and had built fine edifices in which they lived in every nook and cranny in which they could be placed. They had built walls and docks, railways, telephones, and telegraphs. They had stored up the water in this island of fragrant streams for the benefit of the growing population. They had lit up the hills by electricity so that one hardly knew where the lamps ended and the stars began. In a word they had made the Colony a healthy place to live in.

It was the shipbuilding industry of Hongkong which had given it its wealth and importance. He was very glad to find himself in the company of the men whose craft had made Hongkong what it was to-day and to be their honorary president.

Strike Intimidation. With all his heart he wished success to the engineering and shipbuilding industries of Hong-

kong and wished to avail himself of the opportunity and say a word of praise and thanks to the Chinese Engineering Guild.

For several days before Chinese New Year determined attempts were made by the Canton Strike Committee to persuade the members of the guild to down tools. They refused to do so and behaved with sound common sense.

Chinese labour was deserving of special praise for their courage in spite of and in face of attempts of threats and intimidation. Those responsible had been taught the worthlessness of Bolshevik propaganda.

The Guild had set a fine example which others had followed. Chinese New Year had now well begun and the victory over the Canton Strike Committee was complete. He hoped that this marked the beginning of the end of the trouble which through no fault of ours we had been involved in. It was only right that the engineering and shipbuilding guilds should have shown the way.

Mr. J. Ormiston proposed the toast of the visitors and coupled with it the name of Mr. Reid.

A Great Future.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak replying, said it had been stated that the shipbuilding and engineering industries were the life blood of the Colony. From personal observations during his time in the Colony he had seen, in 25 years, ship after ship launched which succeeded each other with improvement upon improvement, until some of the recent ones had equalled ships which could be made in any part of the world.

He would not hesitate to prophesy that the greatest future of the Colony was still to come, and that the present circumstances would quickly die away. The present position, due to circumstances over which we had no control, was merely a passing one.

He believed Hongkong was destined to be greater in the next ten years than anyone could dream of. Ships were being built beyond contracts, and this was due to the fact that the workmen devoted themselves to the defeat of the conditions with which they had to battle.

There had been ships launched from both yards which surpassed ships ever built in the history of the Colony. He did not speak as an expert, but he believed the difficulties through which we were passing, would be of a very short duration, and that permanent progress had not been interfered with and that the principles which had made the Colony great would make it greater still.

SHIPS' OFFICERS.

POSSIBLE BREACH WITH INDO-CHINA S.N. CO.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, Feb. 19. There are serious possibilities of a breach in the relations between the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. and the officers of their fleet as a result of information received from Hongkong that the proposed reduction to the salaries of the floating staff would probably come into force on March 1.

No official statement is obtainable from the agents of the company, or the China Coast Officers' Guild, but the Secretary of the Marine Engineers' Guild admitted that there "appear to be serious possibilities."

It is interesting to note that a combined meeting of members of the China Coast Officers' Guild and Marine Engineers' Guild is to take place in Hongkong to-morrow (Sunday) morning.

STARVING SAILORS.

JAPANESE FREIGHTER IN PERIL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, Feb. 19. The "Juva Arrow" from Yokohama, bound for San Francisco, has wireless that she has picked up the Japanese freighter "Taishan Maru" 850 miles north-east of Yokohama, which was drifting helplessly a month after a storm. Thirteen sailors were rescued in a starving condition.

It is reported that nineteen of the crew who took to the lifeboats on the 8th inst., are believed to be lost.

BOXER INDEMNITY.

HEAD OF BRITISH MISSION IN JAPAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, Feb. 19. Lord Willington arrived at Yokohama this morning, on the s.s. "Empress of Russia," en route to China in connection with the disposal of the British portion of the Boxer Indemnity.

EGYPT PROGRESS.

IRRIGATION DELEGATES TO CONTINUE.

LATEST DECISION.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 19. The British and Egyptian Governments have agreed that the work of Irrigation Commission, which was interrupted by illness of late M. Cremers, President of the Commission, shall be resumed by the two remaining members of the Commission.

It will be recalled that by an exchange of notes dated January 26, 1925, the two Governments arranged to set up a commission of experts charged to study and propose the basis of irrigation, conforming with interests and rights of Egypt in the waters of the Nile.

This Commission was to present its report before June 30, 1925. The Commission began its meetings on February 17, 1925. Its members visited all the most important works and investigated together with other engineers and experts, the different aspects of the problem. The Commission was on the point of completing its examination and preparing its report when M. Cremers was taken ill. Having regard to the importance attached to the work the two remaining members of the commission, Mr. Macgregor (British delegate) and Abdel Hamid Soleiman Pasha (Egyptian delegate), will now complete investigations and present a report.

LANCASHIRE COTTON TRADE.

PLAIN SPEAKING.

JAPANESE COMPETITION AND SUBSIDY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 19. At the annual meeting of the Federation of the Master Cotton-spinners' Associations at Manchester, the President, Mr. Fred Jellard, attributed the last five years' depression to the American section of the Lancashire cotton trade and largely to the trade war upon which several of their competitors, particularly Japan and Italy, had entered.

He could not see how Lancashire goods could possibly live against Japanese competition when Japan's cotton industry was largely protected and state subsidised. Some day workers white, yellow or black would assert their rights to reasonable living conditions.

The foreigner was not winning or retaining markets by skill or enterprise but because he favoured conditions which he denied to us. National taxation had enormously handicapped home industry; but Lancashire could beat any country in quality.

He was hopeful in future of the cotton trade short time working, if honourably adhered to, would end the appalling losses of the American section.

BUSH FIRES.

ALL MISSING NOW ACCOUNTED FOR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, Feb. 19. All those missing as the result of the bush fires have now been accounted for. The total death toll is 31.

Relief works have already commenced in the devastated areas. Money and clothing for the sufferers are ceaselessly pouring in.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

COMMERCIAL CONGRESS IN SESSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Delhi, Feb. 19. The Indian Commercial Congress Subjects Committee has rejected the proposal of the Bombay Millowners' Association that the Government be urged to terminate the Indo-Japanese Convention of March 5, 1905, and the proposal has accordingly been abandoned.

The Congress adopted a resolution urging the Government to adopt measures like the British Safeguarding Industries Act to protect Indian industries against the competition of other countries. It also adopted a resolution in favour of the adoption of the gold standard and gold currency in India.

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

FRANCE SUPPORTS POLAND'S CLAIM.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Feb. 19.

The "Westminster Gazette" states that the question of Poland's claim to a permanent seat on the League Council is now on the way to being settled.

Sweden and Japan oppose the Polish demand, which must be endorsed by the unanimous vote of the Council before presentation to the Assembly. There is no likelihood of the Assembly pressing for the temporary nomination of Poland to the Council until March.

Therefore, the question will not arise until March, but Poland is not deterred from claiming representation on the Council in the future, and it is learned that when she does Germany will not refuse to support the Polish demand for a temporary seat on the Council.

French Press Views.

Paris, Feb. 19. Amid the chorus of the French Press demanding Poland's admission to the League Council, the "Gaulois" and "Le Matin" have taken issue with the League yesterday, wise and fair, and courageously points out that each Power's viewpoint must be examined in order to see to what extent they are mutually reconcilable.

"Le Matin" refers to the circulation of "various false rumours about the hostility of Japan and Sweden and the stubborn opposition of Britain" to the enlargement of the League Council, and says actually no Government has hitherto declared against Poland, whose chances of admission to the Council, like Spain's, are excellent, while Brazil's chances are increasing.

An Alleged Promise.

Berlin, Feb. 19. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag has adopted a resolution declaring that Germany's application for admission to the League was made conditional on her receiving a permanent seat on the Council, the composition of which is not to be altered otherwise. The resolution claims that a promise has already been made to that effect to Germany.

AIR ESTIMATES.

(British Wireless Service.)

London, Feb. 19.

The Air Estimates amount to £16,000,000 net, being an increase of nearly half a million, but the gross estimates have decreased owing to the reduction of air expenditure, which falls finally on the Middle East vote in respect of Iraq, Palestine, Trans-Jordan and the Navy votes in respect of the Fleet Air arm.

The increase in the net Estimates reflects the strengthening of the Home Defence Force, but it is pointed out that the decision made in 1923 to increase this Force's strength to 52 squadrons by 1928 is not likely to be carried out even before 1930, and the gradual progress hereto remains subject to review according to the international situation, particularly as a result of the international discussions on disarmament.

As regards research, a number of experimental machines are ordered, embodying the principle of the Cierva autogyro, but it has been decided not to continue the experiments with the Brennan helicopter.

DRUSES' DEFEAT.

HEAVY LOSSES FROM FRENCH ATTACK.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, Feb. 19.

A Beirut message states that in the course of an engagement around Rashaya, the Druses suffered severely.

A French column attacked south of Damas, and pursued the enemy, who underwent heavy losses.

The Assembly of elected representatives of the vilayet of Aleppo has voted a resolution expressing attachment to France.

COMPANY REGISTER.

The names of the Victoria Trading Co., Ltd., and Siskin S.S. Co., Ltd. have been struck off the register.

Unless adequate steps are taken within three months, the name of C. E. Richardson & Co. (Swatow) Ltd. will also be struck off.

CATHCART CASE.

TO APPEAR IN COURT NEXT TUESDAY.

LADY CRAVEN IN MONTREAL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Montreal, Feb. 19.

The Countess of Cathcart has arrived and rejoined her husband. A New York message says that the Countess of Cathcart has secured a respite in connection with the order for her exclusion from the United States. The Federal Judge has issued a writ of habeas corpus calling for her appearance in Court on Tuesday morning.

Countess's Petition.

New York, Feb. 19. The Countess of Cathcart, in her petition for a writ of habeas corpus, alleged, that she was illegally detained on Ellis Island. She admitted that she had gone to South Africa with the Earl of Craven, but denied that this constituted moral turpitude.

A new lawyer, Mr. A. Garfield Hays, appeared in the case today. He has been engaged on the Countess of Cathcart's behalf by representatives of several American women's organizations.

The Immigration Law.

Washington, Feb. 19. The Socialist, Mr. Berger, introduced in the House of Representatives an amendment to the immigration law admitting all aliens into the country except those convicted of felony. Mr. Berger declared that the exclusion of the Countess of Cathcart, Countess Khrolyk and Mr. Saklatvala, M.P., on the grounds of "moral turpitude" showed the danger of conferring discretionary power on officials.

If exclusion on the ground of indiscretion were to become a practice, all the Governments and many wealthy and prominent Americans would find themselves barred from other countries.

COMPROMISE.

LIBERAL DIFFERENCES PATCHED.

CONFERENCE CHEERS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Feb. 19.

An important compromise in the Liberal land proposals, which will (it is believed) mean the averting of a Liberal split on the proposals, was reached at a Liberal conference today. The agreement resulted from a private consultation held in the ante-room between the twelve leading delegates, including Mr. D. Lloyd George.

The Conference cheered vociferously when the compromise was announced. While the Conference was still sitting, news arrived that a prominent member of the Party, Commander Hilton Young, had decided to secede from the Party, owing to the land proposals, and call himself an Independent. Com. Hilton Young was Financial Secretary to the Treasury in Mr. Lloyd George's Coalition Government and was afterwards Chief Liberal Whip. He was one of the Party's soundest commercial advisers. Only last evening he made in Parliament one of the best informed speeches on Iraq, which he had recently visited.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" on Feb. 19:—Mr. G. M. Alford, Mr. and Mrs. A. Annetts, G. W. Archer, Mrs. M. Babushkina, Mrs. Hayley, Bell, Mr. McCormick Blair, Mr. O. D. Blackburn, Mr. A. R. Blinco, Mr. M. W. Budd, Mr. Boh Yio-sing, Mr. Enrique Brías, Mr. J. P. Bourne, Mr. W. R. Buckenrough, Mr. H. Burgess, Mr. C. O. Chan, Mr. Chin K. Hui, Mr. W. H. Choy, Mrs. Clark, Mr. W. R. Cothran, Mr. L. Cowlishaw, Mr. and Mrs. O. Cumming, Mr. C. L. Cumming, Mr. A. H. Ewan, Mr. J. B. Ferrier, Mr. D. Finkler, Mrs. Goldring, Mr. E. Hayim, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Hender, Mr. J. Kwan, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Louis Jorm, Mrs. C. Kew, Mr. M. K. Khaleel, Mr. and Mrs. Kwong King-shin, Mr. Lee Kee, Mr. P. N. Sin, Mr. R. G. MacDonald, Mr. H. R. Malcolm, Mr. A. E. Moret, Miss E. Moret, Miss E. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Mounsey, Miss Mounsey, Mr. G. Murro, Mr. K. Murdoch, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Murray, Mr. A. Nazam, Mr. L. Barbury, Mr. J. E. Pitcher, Mr. A. M. Preston, Mr. M. A. Razack, Mrs. S. Sanderston, Mr. A. R. Scott, Mr. Z. E. Shih, Mr. and Mrs. Su Ki, Mr. Su Kong, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart, Mr. Tai Su Ling, Mr. Tio Tek-bie, Mr. Tsai Chen, Mr. M. B. Tyler, Mr. Wong Po-lim, Mr. Wong Si-kam.

Speaker (warning to his subject): "What we want is men with convictions, and where shall we find them?"

Voice: "In jail, guv'nor."

MANILA'S PLAN.

1,000,000 PESOS TO BE SPENT.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

A gigantic engineering and public works programme, and a beautification scheme in accordance with the Burnham plan (says the "Manila Bulletin") and design of the metropolitan city commission to be undertaken within the next four years by the city of Manila has been recommended to the mayor and the municipal board by City Engineer Santiago Artiga. The work, a continuation of the ten year activities of the city previously recommended by the Governor-General, entails an expenditure of approximately P8,992,584.17.

The programme includes construction of a new city hall, additional school buildings, markets, bridges, extension and widening of streets, filling of city esteros and swampy places, and improvement of street services.

H.K. SHARE MARKET.

WEEKLY REPORT.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor in their weekly share report dated Friday, February 19, states:—

We have had a firmer market during the past week owing to sellers holding off, but only small parcels of shares have changed hands.

Shanghai market remains quiet. The following are the principal alterations since last week:—

Banks.—Have firmed up closing with buyers at \$1.65.

Unions.—Continue a firm market and at the close are wanted at \$256 without attracting sellers.

Canton Insurances and Hongkong Fires.—Cantons have buyers at \$585, and Hongkong Fires are wanted at \$525.

Hotels.—Have been the medium of a fair business at rising prices closing with buyers at \$8 3/4.

Electricity.—Are also in good demand and have risen to \$54 at which price shares have changed hands.

Trams.—Have firmed up to the buying rate of \$22.

China Sugars.—Are wanted and could be placed at \$25.

China Lights.—Are also firm with buyers at quotations.

Steamboats.—Could be placed at about \$19 1/4.

Hongkong Lands.—Have again been the medium of a fair business at rising prices closing with buyers at \$65.

Humphreys.—Have come to business at \$13 1/4.

Cements.—Are nominal at quotations.

Wharves.—Are firm with buyers at \$122 but no sellers under \$125.

Docks.—Are wanted at \$52 but no sellers under \$54.

Star Forries.—Have risen to the buying rate of \$55.

London Quotations of the 18th inst.—Banks—\$129 108, Indos, Deferred \$6 108, Shells \$4 188, 9d.

Exchange.—Demand on London is 2/4 1/2, and T/T on Shanghai is 1/18 7/8.

FLED FROM THE LAW.

Trying to climb, via the verandah, into an adjoining house, a Chinese fell from the 1st floor of No. 3, Sun Street, yesterday, following an opium raid. He was removed to hospital with multiple injuries and now lies in a serious condition.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Dear Sir.—Not being a reader of newspapers, I was unaware that some infamous person has been making free with my name in public print.

This, true as this person says, I am new to the Colony. Being new to the Colony, I am curious to know just how far this person I have already alluded to, may be taken as a fair sample of the inhabitants of Hongkong. Is it a common sort of occurrence here to hold an "offensive" stranger up to public ridicule in the newspaper? I don't like it, and consider it extraordinarily offensive. However, it takes all sorts to make a world, and I can only presume that this person fulfils some purpose in the scheme of creation.

Now as regards this question, if—over which the people in Hongkong seem to be getting all hot under the collar, I certainly admit making the remarks, and airing the views attributed to me, but never dreaming that they would be blazoned about like this. Partly because I recent having my privacy forced upon me, and partly because I don't want to be called a liar, I do not propose, at present anyhow, to give my solution of that problem in public. Perhaps if this unpleasant person, this ill-mannered "boor," chooses to "publish" an apology in as public a manner as he published his original article, I may reconsider my decision.

I will say this, however, that if there was a Society of Physical Research out here, I should be very pleased to submit all my experiences to them, and obtain their opinion on a subject which I may say without undue boasting, must be unique.

Most of us have heard of Eastern Magic which is referred to, usually, in a condescending manner, and with a tolerant smile.

What happened in my case, was that I was having a discussion with an Eastern friend of mine, Ah by name, on this very question which has been under discussion. He smilingly asked me whether I personally would go back ten years under the condition laid down. I jokingly said I certainly would. I hereupon, by some means unfathomable by our materialistic philosophy, was suddenly transported backwards in time to the trivial incident mentioned by your correspondent.

More than that, I decline to say. The reason for my refusal is, as I said before, I dislike being called a liar, or being held up to ridicule, particularly by people I don't know; and from my brief and unhappy experience of correspondents in this part of the world, I have no doubt whatever, that if I was to state the bare facts of my experiences, I should immediately and unceremoniously suffer from both indignities. If any earnest enquirer into these esoteric questions cares to know more, he is at liberty to communicate with me, and I will do my best to enlarge on my experiences in as interesting a manner as possible.

Yours, etc.,

JOHN BEAL.

Hongkong, Feb. 19.

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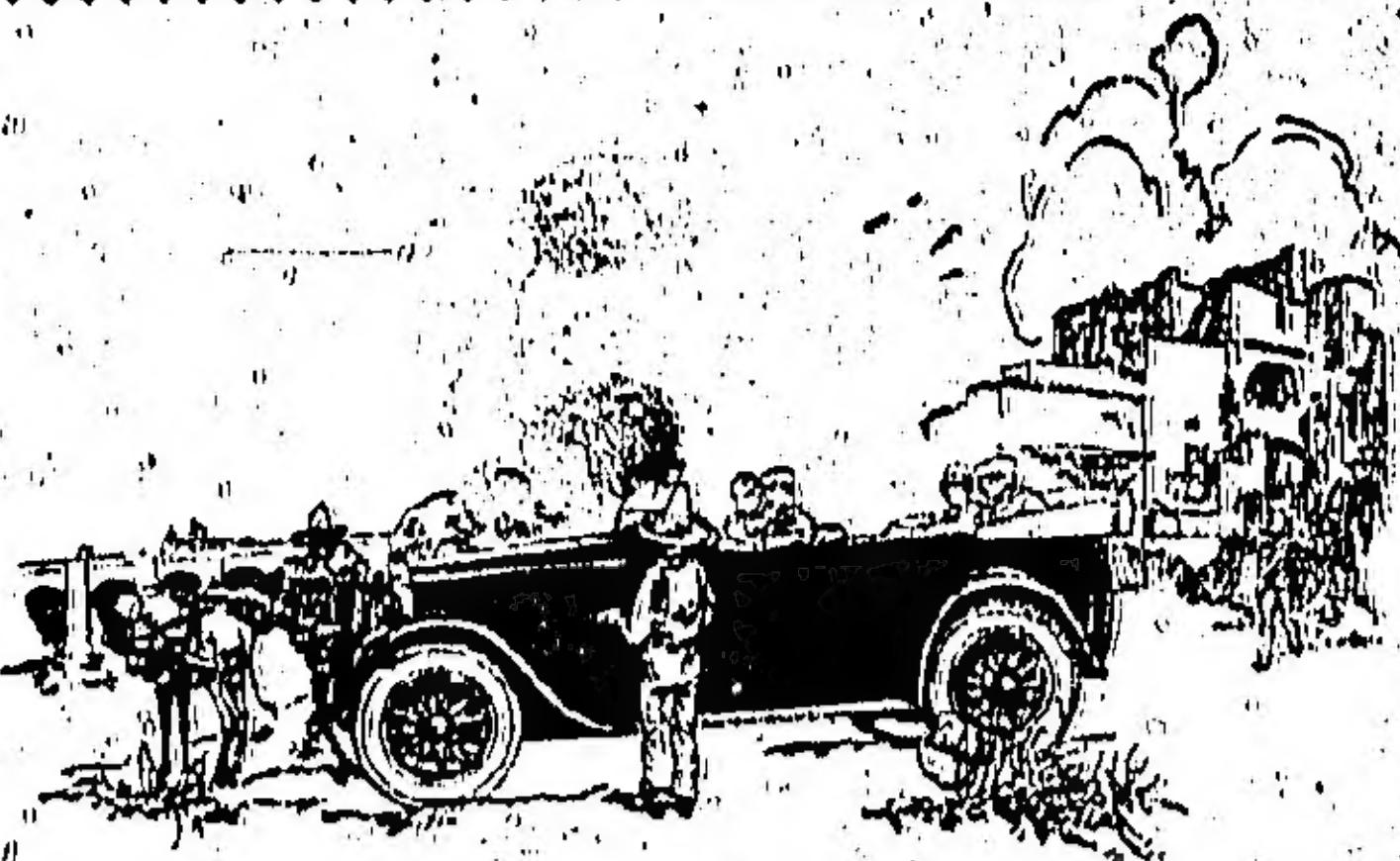
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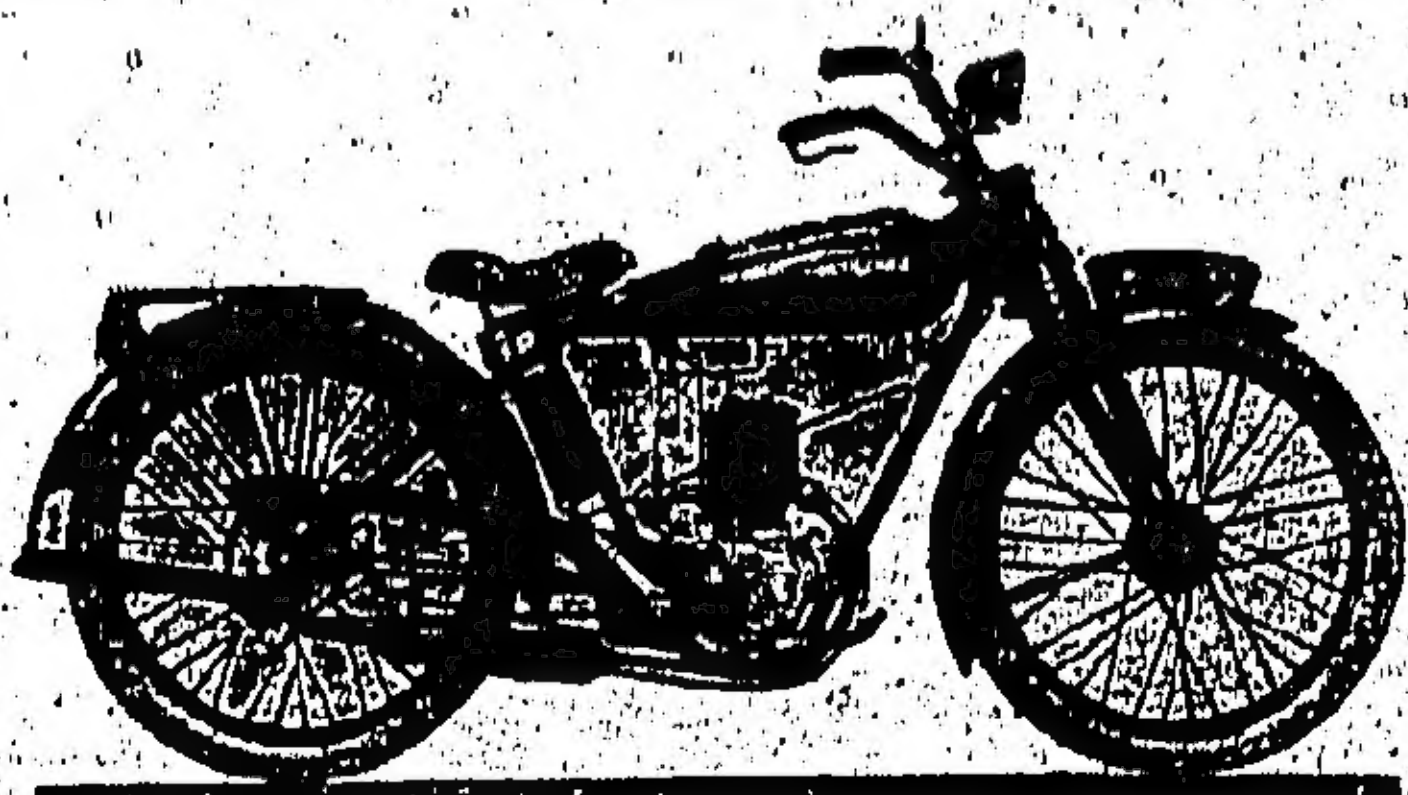
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

In an attempt to make the new year festivities dry, New York prohibition agents raided forty factories which were permitted the use of denatured alcohol. Eight thousand gallons of pure grain alcohol which were intended to aid in ushering in the New Year were confiscated.

Admiralty Fleet Orders state, in regard to the recent appointment of a committee to consider the condition of the Executive Lists, that this step is taken periodically to ensure a regular flow of promotion through all ranks, and not with a view to a reduction of the lists.

Plans of the proposed extension of the breakwater in the Manila South harbour which forms the first but major part of the entire scheme of Manila port improvement, have been completed by Designing Engineer J. C. Cookingham of the bureau of public works and bids for construction will be received until March 6 when they will be publicly opened at the office of the director of public works.

Hongkong Amusements, Ltd. are arranging with Miss Annie Maynard (of Denishawn fame) who has danced herself to fame throughout the world, to bring direct from Hawaii a company of Royal Hawaiians. They will perform at the Queen's Theatre as part of the programme for a week commencing March 3. There will be no increase in prices and the company will change their programme with every change of picture.

Preparations for an anti-cholera vaccination drive calculated to cover the entire population of the country before the rainy season set in are being made by the Philippine Health Service. To insure the success of the project, Dr. Alejandro Albert, acting secretary of public instruction, is seeking the co-operation of the department of the interior and through it that of provincial and municipal officials all over the Archipelago.

A Chinese case of enteric fever, from the Kowloon district, was notified yesterday.

A Shakespearean discovery which is genuine and interesting is one by the old Welsh family of Salusbury, of an original Shakespearean document among the family archives. It is not surprising that Shakespearean relics should be found there, for the gallant Sir John Salusbury was a personal friend of the poet, and had dedicated to him one of the minor poems. The document which has now come to light is a page of the First Folio.

It is probably the first time a member of the public has taken proceedings under the Food and Drugs Act in respect of meat, said a solicitor at North London County Council, Mr. Maud Thurgood, of Barrett's Grove, Stoke Newington, summoned a butcher, Samuel Pullum, of High Street, Kingsland, for selling her a piece of meat which she said was not of the quality she demanded. She told the magistrate she asked for English mutton and was shown a piece of meat at 1s. 6d. per pound, she bought a small joint, which was later thrown into the dustbin. Mr. A. J. Robbitt, a food inspector, expressed the view that it was chilled meat. The case was adjourned.

The members of the newly-formed Perak Amateur Wireless Society recently listened to the programme broadcasted from Singapore. The receiving set used was a Marconi type two-valve set, supplied by the United Engineers, Ipoh. Listeners could hear the music played at Singapore, but since the broadcasting set is not a powerful one, it seemed like a worn-out gramophone record. The point is, however, that Singapore can easily be heard in Ipoh and when a more powerful broadcasting apparatus is established in Singapore good concerts will be enjoyed by anyone having a receiving set. It is reported that a broadcasting apparatus may be installed in Ipoh by the United Engineers.

Twenty ex-soldiers, who during the last six months of their service with the Colours, received training in farming, dairy work, and pig and poultry breeding, will, with their wives and families, sail this month for Australia to take up farming.

A Japanese boy who is a clerk in one of the Government's offices, called on the Belgian Ambassador on January 9, and begged him to accept a small sum of money taken out of his salary for the relief of sufferers from the floods in Belgium.

Mr. John William Wright, I've come nearly 6,000 miles to find my brother Ernest, who is, I think, a police officer," said a man who walked into Manchester Town Hall. Within a few minutes the brothers, who had not met for 25 years, when John William left Oldham for America, were talking to one another over the telephone. Ernest being a constable in the Manchester suburb of Gorton. Then the stranger from America, who has made a fortune and owns 2,400 acres of farm lands, drove to Gorton police station. He handed his bag to an officer, unaware that it was his brother Ernest. They have brothers at Llandudno and Blackpool and a sister at Nottingham.

The earthquake in Tokyo last year left unharmed the remarkable Oriental Library, of which the nucleus is the collection formed by the late Dr. G. E. Morrison, says the "Times" correspondent in Peking. Dr. Morrison, whose knowledge of the East was remarkable, collected something like 24,000 volumes dealing with subjects of every imaginable kind relating to the countries of the East. This great collection was purchased from Dr. Morrison by Baron Iwasaki in 1917 for the sum of £35,000, and the Baron ultimately had it established in a handsome building which escaped destruction. This was the collection's second successful issue from a great adventure, for Dr. Morrison's house in Peking was burnt down in the Boxer Rebellion in 1900 and it was only by a miracle that the library was saved then.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mudane M. de Costa returned to the Colony yesterday by the "President Taft."

Emil Dapenberg is to give a piano recital in St. Andrew's Hall (City Hall) on Tuesday, March 9.

Mr. J. P. Bourne, Supt. of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels at Hongkong, left yesterday on the "Empress of Australia" on a visit to Shanghai.

Dr. and Mrs. N. Bradley are visiting the ruins at Angkor, after which Mrs. Bradley proceeds to England, the Doctor returning to his medical work at Yunnanfu.

The General Committee of the Royal Register of Shipping have elected Sir Thomas J. Storey as chairman and Sir George Higgins as deputy chairman and treasurer of the Society.

The "Empress of Australia" passengers yesterday include Mrs. Hayley Bell and Mr. A. Macgowan of Swatow. Mr. Macgowan spoke at a public meeting in the Colony in the early days of the strike.

Those who have purchased advance tickets for the dancing display at the Theatre Royal to-night by Miss Daisy O'Keefe's pupils are requested to change them, at the Anderson Music Co., for seats. A large number of such tickets has been sold but very few have made the exchange.

Mr. S. Collett, of the Royal Naval Dockyard, Hongkong, who has been in the Colony since 1923, left Hongkong to-day by the P. and O. s.s. "Karmala," with Mrs. Collett, on transfer to Devonport Dockyard. Mr. Collett has been the organist at the Union Church. At the recent annual meeting of the Union Church Mr. and Mrs. Collett were recipients of parting gifts from the members. Mr. Collett has been also the Hon. Conductor of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society.

Mr. J. P. Bourne, Supt. of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, who has been in the Hongkong office for about seven years, left the Colony yesterday by the R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" on his way to the Tokyo office of the C.P.S. Mr. Buckenrough, who has been acting as passenger agent in Hongkong, will take a similar position at Tokyo. His place in the Hongkong office has been taken by Mr. J. M. Henderson, also of the local office.

Mr. H. Oswald, who has been in charge of the Labour Office at Seremban for some months past, is being transferred to Penang next month.

Mr. G. L. Ham, an officer of Class II, Malayan Civil Service, has, in addition to his own duties as Secretary to Resident Perak, been appointed to act temporarily as British Resident, Perak Staff, with effect from January 25.

The betrothal of the sixteenth son of the late President Yuan Shih-kai to the daughter of the late General Lu Chen-chang, former Governor of Shensi, will be formally announced in Tientsin in the middle of next month. In view of the unsettled political situation, the two families will not invite any friends or relatives to attend the ceremony.

Earl Bathurst, who, at sixty-one still follows his hounds, likes jazz and many other modern things, recently declared that in dress women have gone altogether too far. He admits he may be somewhat old-fashioned, but he does not think women have changed much for the better. "My advice to girls is to avoid the vanity bag," said Lord Bathurst. The coloured hose and the short skirt girls are wearing made him shudder, declared the peer who said he much preferred the old fashioned high boots and gaiters.



MRS. CHARLOTTE PICKFORD

Mrs. Charlotte Pickford, mother of Mary Pickford, was reported seriously ill. Mary has cancelled plans for a trip to Europe to be at her bedside.

A Nancy message states that the Governor of the Bank of France has just inherited a fortune estimated to be worth £1,000,000.

The bronze tablet to the memory of Lieutenant Frederic H. S. Roberts, V.C., the son of the late Earl Roberts, which was originally in the Royal College Chapel, Dublin, and which has now been placed in Winchester Cathedral, was recently dedicated by the Dean of Winchester.

The President, Council and Senate of the King Edward VII College of Medicine issued invitations for the formal opening of the new building in College Road, Singapore, by H.E. the Governor (Sir Laurence Guillemard), on Monday, February 16, when the honorary diploma of the College was also to be conferred upon Sir David Galloway, Sir Malcolm Watson, and Dr. Lim Boon-keng.

A sum of no less than £100,000 is stated to have been offered for a hotel venture in Piccadilly in which everything is to be secondary to the food and service. The scheme is being launched by Cassali, the famous maître d'hôtel, who is severing his connection with the Piccadilly Hotel. Within 12 hours of his having announced that he would set up on his own account Cassali states that he was promised £27,000, and before a week was out another £53,000 had been offered. The money has come from people famous all over Europe. The venture is to be known as the Green Park Hotel, and will be on the site of the Isthmian Club. The accommodation is to be only for 200 people.

A musician never goes to a restaurant where there is likely to be music. This fact Miss Katherine Eggar, the well-known lecturer, mentioned when addressing members of the Soroptimist Club. "If one wanted to listen to good music one did not want to have a restaurant full of people talking and waiting-clattering dishes," she said. As far as serious music was concerned it was insulting to play it during meal times. Light music, on the other hand, formed an admirable background for almost anything. One might enjoy a meal while light music was played and only be slightly conscious of it—it did not require one's whole attention as did serious music. Most of the music played in London restaurants, Miss Eggar added, was not intended to be listened to, although it was of an unusually high standard.

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CRICKET NOTES.

CIVIL SERVICE 1ST XI FIGURES.

LEAGUE STATISTICS.

[By Sentinel.]

The Royal Navy juniors defeated the University in the only league match played since last comping the averages. Slight changes therefore appear in the second division against these teams. Two typographical errors in the senior batting have been rectified. Players who have not participated in a sufficient number of matches have been omitted.

The Civil Service C.C. 1st XI have now completed their league programme and a summing up of the innings of last season's champions will not be amiss.

Of nine matches they won three, drew five and tied one, gaining a total of 15 points.

Their highest score was 201 (for 6 wickets) against Craigengower and the lowest 96 (for 2 wickets) against Kowloon.

The highest total scored against them was 162 (for 6 wickets, declared) by the East Surreys and the lowest 47 by Craigengower.

In the nine innings Civil Service scored 1,378 runs against 1,103. Per wicket the average works out at 20.92 against 14.02.

They had a sequence of draws with the Hongkong C.C., East Surreys, Royal Navy and Kowloon, the chances being open.

The next was a tie (147 runs) with the Royal Artillery.

With their highest score of the season, they dismissed Craigengower for 47 runs and won easily.

A narrow win was gained over the University and the Chinese were defeated by 9 wickets the following week.

Time intervened in the last match and deprived them of victory over the Indians when they needed six runs with three wickets in hand.

E. C. Fincher heads the batting, his seven for the seven matches in which he took part being 16*, 67*, 42*, 2, 91*, 3, 21*.

G. R. Sayer batted consistently, his scores in seven innings being 38, 44, 4, 36, 35, 51, 36.

Both A. E. Wood and F. E. Lawrence gave material assistance in the way of getting runs and their names appear in the averages.

Civil Service lost a good left-hand bowler when Ling left early in the season after playing in one match, taking 7 wickets for 36 runs. Sayer had the best average (9.50 for 16 wickets). He bowled in five matches and sent down 41 overs. Evans bowled 53 overs in six games and secured an average of 9.52 with a bag of 17 wickets. Baker, in the same number of matches, sent down 43 overs and secured third place with an average of 13.66 for 12 wickets. Reed did not do so well, his average per wicket in five matches being 18.30. Hamilton bowled in all the matches and secured an average of 21.11. Four others were also tried in a few matches.

The Navy juniors have completed their fixtures. Incidentally, Engineer Lieut. C. R. P. Bennett is the first bowler in the second division to take 20 wickets this season.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Division I.

Player	Wickets	Runs	Avg.
E. C. Fincher (C.S.)	7	91*	242
Major Hattersley-Smith (R.A.)	7	92	344
Lt. Col. Armstrong (N)	6	110*	277
Lt. Sillitoe (N)	8	58*	183
Lt. Owen Hughes (H.K.)	4	89*	107
Lt. R. Mitchell (H.K.)	8	95*	133
Lt. Halsey (N)	5	114	229
E. F. Stewart (H.K.)	5	79	220
Mid. Stephenson (N)	5	182	279
A. H. Mader (L)	7	58	271
G. R. Sayer (C.S.)	7	51	244
Capt. Armstrong (S)	7	70	201
N. B. Kitchell (L)	6	21*	66
Capt. Morris (L)	7	47	197
E. E. Lindell (K)	5	45	89
Lt. Nicholson (N)	6	61*	110
R. E. H. Oliver (C.S.)	3	37	54
D. F. H. (C.C.)	2	83	180
W. C. Hung (C.C.)	7	59	185
Pay. Lt. Huxley (N)	7	43	150
A. E. Wood (C.S.)	7	45	136
Gr. Maddocks (R.A.)	4	54	39
C. G. M. (S)	5	49	117
E. Fincher (C.C.)	5	61	111
K. E. Macaskill (L)	6	39*	69
F. E. Lawrence (C.S.)	5	52	150
O. Inall (L)	5	54	107
S. H. Inall (L)	5	38	100

HONGKONG'S INTERPORT GOLFERS.



Photo by Ying Ming, 50, Queen's Rd. C.

Above are the interport golfers who represented Hongkong against Manila and Shanghai in the triangular tournament just concluded at Fanling (M) after a name indicates participation against Manila, and S against Shanghai, there being only six a side.

Left to right, top—T. D. E. Pendered (S), H. U. Ireland (M), R. M. Smith (M, S), A. K. Macdonald (S), L. W. Shevan (M, S), W. Douglas (M, S), A. H. Ferguson (M, S), L. R. Andrewes (M).

Division II.

Capt. Bridgland (R.E.)	5	84*	238	50.50
Lt. Spencer (N)	4	35*	40	40.00
H. S. Gordon (H.K.)	3	43	119	36.60
St. Blondin (R.E.)	5	91	179	35.80
Lt. D. McNicoll (H.K.)	3	48*	71	35.50
B. C. K. Hawkins (C.S.)	5	46*	133	38.25
T. D. E. Pendered (H.K.)	4	43	96	32.00
W. M. Gittens (U)	5	71*	115	28.75
T. E. King (P)	5	77*	137	27.75
C. Las (L)	4	64	102	25.25
Mid. Simms (N)	5	37	100	25.00
S. B. Spillett (C.S.)	3	20	50	25.00
Lt. Emley (N)	5	59	120	24.00
Y. A. Wahab (L)	6	51	143	23.83
I. Hassan (L)	6	45	138	23.00
A. R. Macdonald (H.K.)	3	33	63	21.00
F. W. Howell (K)	3	41	87	29.33
A. R. F. Raven (K)	4	66	88	22.00
J. Hall (H.K.)	3	52	83	21.00
T. W. Carr (C.S.)	4	30*	42	21.00
H. F. Harper (C.S.)	4	32	82	20.50
A. Reynolds (P)	5	24*	61	20.33
D. T. Nicholson (H.K.)	5	29	61	20.25

[Minimum 2 innings but not less than half matches of respective teams, average 20 runs or over.]

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Division I.

Player	Wickets	Runs	Avg.
E. F. Stewart (H.K.)	10	60	6.00
Lt. Col. Cantrell (N)	24	8.79	8.48
Pay-Com. Woodward (N)	24	8.79	8.48
G. R. Sayer (C.S.)	10	6.50	6.50
B. D. Evans (C.S.)	17	9.82	9.82
A. G. I. Bowler (H.K.)	12	10.41	10.41
M. G. Bough (R.A.)	18	11.94	11.94
S. O. Shabane (U)	15	12.05	12.05
A. J. Azumi (L)	14	13.07	13.07
F. Baker (C.S.)	12	13.06	13.06
Lt. Sillitoe (N)	4	14.00	14.00
F. Goodwin (K)	22	14.13	14.13
Sgt. Gifford (R.A.)	16	14.13	14.13
Lt. Smith (R.A.)	13	14.31	14.31
C. W. Lam (C)	18	14.31	14.31
Capt. Allfree (S)	4	14.75	14.75

Sgt. Jones (R.E.) 9 4.11
T. D. E. Pendered (H.K.) 12 8.68
A. R. F. Raven (K) 4 7.83
B. N. Sudan (U) 18 9.11
R. G. Robertson (P) 17 9.29
Eng. Lt. Bennett (N) 21 10.00
F. W. Howell (K) 12 10.33
M. G. Bough (R.A.) 18 10.60
S. O. Shabane (U) 15 12.05
A. J. Azumi (L) 14 13.07
F. Baker (C.S.) 12 13.06
Lt. Sillitoe (N) 4 14.00
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Lt. Smith (R.A.) 13 14.31
C. W. Lam (C) 18 14.31
Capt. Allfree (S) 4 14.75

[Minimum 2 innings but not less than half matches of respective teams, average not more than 15 runs per wicket.]

League Records This Season.

HIGHEST INNINGS.

Senior, Royal Navy 249 (for 9 wickets) v. University, University ground, Jan. 23.
Junior, Royal Engineers 223 (for 9 wickets) v. Royal Navy 2nd XI, C.R.C. ground, Feb. 3.

LOWEST INNINGS.

Senior, Craigengower C.C. 26 v. Indian R.C., I.R.C. ground, Dec. 19.
Junior, University 2nd XI 38 v. R.E., University ground, Jan. 9.

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE.

Senior, Mid. R. H. Stephenson (R.N.) 182, Nov. 7.
Junior, Sgt. Blondin (R.E.) 91, Feb. 8.

BATTING AGGREGATE.

Senior, Mid. R. H. Stephenson (R.N.) 879.
Junior, Capt. Bridgland (R.E.) 288.

MOST WICKETS IN AN INNINGS.

Senior, Lt. Halsey (R.N.) 7 for 53, Dec. 5; F. J. Ling (C.S.) 7 for 36, Dec. 5; Pay-Com. H. W. Woodward (R.N.) 7 for 41, Dec. 19, and 7 for 44, Jan. 23.

Junior, Eng-Lieut. C. R. P. Bennett (R.N.) 6 for 39, Nov. 14; R. G. Robertson (Police) 6 for 17, Nov. 21; W. H. Edmunds (C.S.C.) 6 for 46, Nov. 23; Pay-Com. Allen (R.N.) 6 for 36, Dec. 5; H. D. Rumjahn (I.R.C.) 6 for 25, Dec. 12.

WICKETS AGGREGATE.

Senior, Lt. Col. A. S. Cantrell (R.N.) 32.
Junior, Eng-Lieut. C. R. P. Bennett (R.N.) 21.

200 RUNS THIS SEASON.

Mid. Stephenson (R.N.)
Capt. Armstrong (Surreys)
A. H. Mader (I.R.C.)
Maj. W. P. A. Hattersley-Smith (R.A.)
E. C. Fincher (C.S.C.)
E. F. Stewart (H.K.C.C.)
G. R. Sayer (C.S.C.C.)
Lt. Col. Cantrell (R.N.)
Lt. Halsey (R.N.)
Capt. Bridgland (R.E.)

WICKETS THIS SEASON.

Lt. Col. Cantrell (R.N.)
P. Goodwin (H.K.C.C.)
Pay-Com. Woodward (R.N.)
Eng. Lt. Bennett (R.N.)

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Royal Navy	9	4	3	0	21
Kowloon	7	4	3	0	15
Civil Service	9	3	0	15	15
University	7	3	4	3	13
R. A. F.	7	3	1	3	10
H.K.C.C.	6	2	2	2	8
Indian R.C.	7	1	3	3	6
Craigengower	6	1	1	4	4
Surreys	5	0	3	3	3
Chinese R.C.	7	0	1	6	1

Division II.

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts.
K.C.C. 2nd	5	3	2	1	11
R.E.	5	2	3	0	9
H.K.C.C. 2nd	5	2	3	0	9
I.R.C. 2nd	5	2	3	0	9
Navy 2nd	7	2	3	2	9
C.S.C.C.	5	2	2	1	8
C.S.C.C. "A"	5	0	2	3	2
Varsity 2nd	5	0	1	4	1

INTERNATIONAL GOLF.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 19.
Walter Hagen has been chosen to nominate three other American professionals to represent America in the international match with British professionals, prior to the British open championship (this year).

The match will be contested in the London district.
Hagen hopes to interest Jimmy Farrell, Gene Sarazen and Leo Diegel.

"PROS." v. LADIES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

St. Augustine (Fla.), Feb. 19.
In a four-ball golf match, Arnold Massy (France) and Compton (Britain) beat Miss Glenna Collett (the American lady champion) and Miss Mary Brown, by 2 and 1.

The professionals who conceded six bisques, went round in 65, eight strokes below par. The ladies took 76.

COURTING FINAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Liverpool, Feb. 19.
Courting for the Waterloo Cup final, J. L. Jarvis's Jovial Judge beat R. Rank's Running Rein.

Betting was 7 to 4 against the winner, which won easily.

The following will represent St. Joseph's College Reserves in their league football match against the Surrey Droms today, kick-off at 2.45 p.m., on the Sookmoo "T" ground, J. Paul, J. Crust, J. Delgado, W. C. Mitchell, A. R. Azan, Omar, C. Hachima, C. Dragon, P. Lee, J. Castillo, and A. Rahmim (capt).

"Y-KICK."

OUR INTERPORTERS IN SHANGHAI.

SOCIAL SIDE OF SOCCER.

On the evening of the interport soccer match at Shanghai (last Saturday), the Hongkong team were guests of the Shanghai F.A. at the Lyceum Theatre where they witnessed a very good performance of "Y-Kick," by the local A.D.C.

On the evening of Monday (Feb. 15) a smoking concert was held in the Volunteer Club.

On Tuesday (Feb. 16) the Hongkong contingent attended the races at Kiangwan followed by a supper dance at the Carlton Hotel in the evening.

The interport dinner was fixed for Wednesday (Feb. 17) to which the East China and the South China (Chinese) soccer teams were also invited.

Writing after the interport match, the "China Mail" special correspondent said that the Hongkong team was due to leave by the "City of Lahore" on Thursday (Feb. 18) but, owing to China New Year there was a possibility of one day's delay.

FIGHT FOR TITLE.

MIDDLEWEIGHT BOXING CONTEST.

(Associated Press.)

Phoenix (Arizona), Feb. 12.
Harry Greb, middleweight boxer,



ing champion, won a ten-round decision to-night from Owen Phlips. The title was at stake.

TILDEN BEATEN.

FRANCE'S TWO TENNIS VICTORIES.

RICHARDS' ALSO LOSES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Feb. 19.
In the quarter finals of the singles in the national indoor lawn tennis tournament Rene Lacoste (France) beat Vincent Richards (U.S.A.) 6-4, 6-2.

Jean Borotra (France) beat W. T. Tilden (U.S.A.) 13-11, 6-8. Brugnon beat Francis Hunter 6-4, 6-4.

Later.
The first set in the Borotra v. Tilden match was one of the most thrilling ever for Borotra. From 5-4 he always had the lead but again and again, after winning the odd game, he succumbed to Tilden's terrific service. Borotra was twice within a point of the set and twice Tilden rose to the occasion with an untakenable service, but apart from service, Borotra was superior in every point of the game. The defeat of Tilden was a sensation. Borotra was defiantly ovated by the huge crowd.

Lacoste decidedly outplayed Richards. The latter displayed occasional flashes of brilliancy at the net but Lacoste added to his usually steady base-line driving by a spectacular net attack which kept his opponent chasing from side to side.

Brugnon, probing by the example of his team mates, also carried a fight to the net, scoring France's third great victory of the day.

Borotra's intrepid net-work, his side-line placing and frequent magnificent back-hand returns from seemingly impossible positions, all combined to overwhelm Tilden who was pitilessly forced back from the aggressive to a back-line defence. Both played at top form. A rapid succession of spectacular rallies aroused to frenzy the enthusiasm of the crowd.

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CRICKET WIVES.

AUSTRALIA'S "TEST" PLAYERS.

MONEY OR COMPANY?

London, Jan. 7.

"At the bottom Australia's ban on cricketers' wives accompanying the team to England, is all a matter of money," declares the "Daily Graphic."

The gate means little to the Australians at home, but they have discovered that if they devote themselves mind, body, and soul to cricket for four months in England it will reward them very handsomely in coin of the realm.

"The Star," in a leader entitled "Backcloth and Ashes," says: "We must conjecture what the Australian cricketers think of the banning of their wives, because no man is likely to incriminate himself, but we can well imagine what the wives are thinking and emphatically saying. 'We sympathise with them.'"

"It is the ambition of every good Australian to come home at least once in a lifetime, and a woman could not have a better excuse than when the partner of her joys and sorrows has business in England. The Australian cricket mandarins' ukase is a harsh interference with the subject's liberty and the individual's natural affections. 'A cricketer is more likely to be hampered by the uneasy feeling that his wife is half the world away than by her presence in England.'"

"We cannot believe that the wives hamper the team more abroad than at home. Will the Board of Control next decree that players must depart wives when England visits Australia? Whether the Australians wives submit or compel the Board to reverse its decision, we hope they will begin a movement demanding recognition of the theory that when a man embarks on a six months' picnic his wife is entitled to accompany him."

The "Daily News," in a leading article, says: "If the Government permits wives on frontier stations, surely they are not unwelcome in the cricket pavilion. The tests are delightful national spectacles, full of social amenities. They should not be struggles between selfish automatons. If they can only win the tests by stripping cricket of its charm, let the Australians keep 'the Ashes' as a worthless reward of ruthless professionalism, and no longer the symbol of a great game."

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People and Events in the News of the World



GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING

General John J. Pershing went to Tacna-Arica, where he has been working for months to settle the forty-year boundary dispute between Chile and Peru. General Pershing's health is failing, it is said.



MISS EDITH M. BURTON

Refused to marry Harry W. Cowan, broker, cost Miss Edith M. Burton, a talented Brooklyn singer, her life. He shot and killed her and then fired a bullet into his temple.



COL. JOHN COOLIDGE

Colonel John Coolidge, eighty-year-old father of President Coolidge, suffered from rheumatism after recovering from several heart attacks.



MRS. LESLIE CARTER

Mrs. Leslie Carter's latest vehicle, "The Shanghai Gesture," a play of the Chinese underworld, is much too "hot" for Broadway. Producer A. H. Woods has withdrawn the play.



THE YOUNG STRIBLING

"Young" Stribling, prize fighter, "took the count" when he met Clara Kinney, daughter of a prominent Southern U.S. family. The happy couple, married just after Christmas, spent their honeymoon in New York.



LIEUTENANT DIETRICHSEN

Lieutenant Dietrichsen, second in command to Roald Amundsen on last year's flight to the North Pole, and for years engaged in Arctic exploration, has resigned, as he says he cannot neglect his family any longer.



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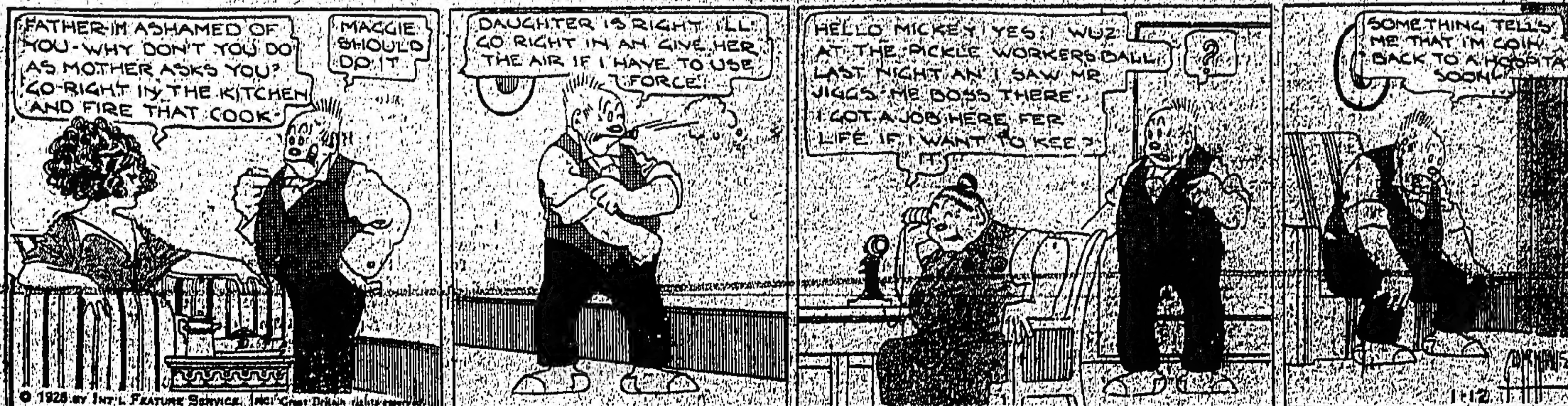
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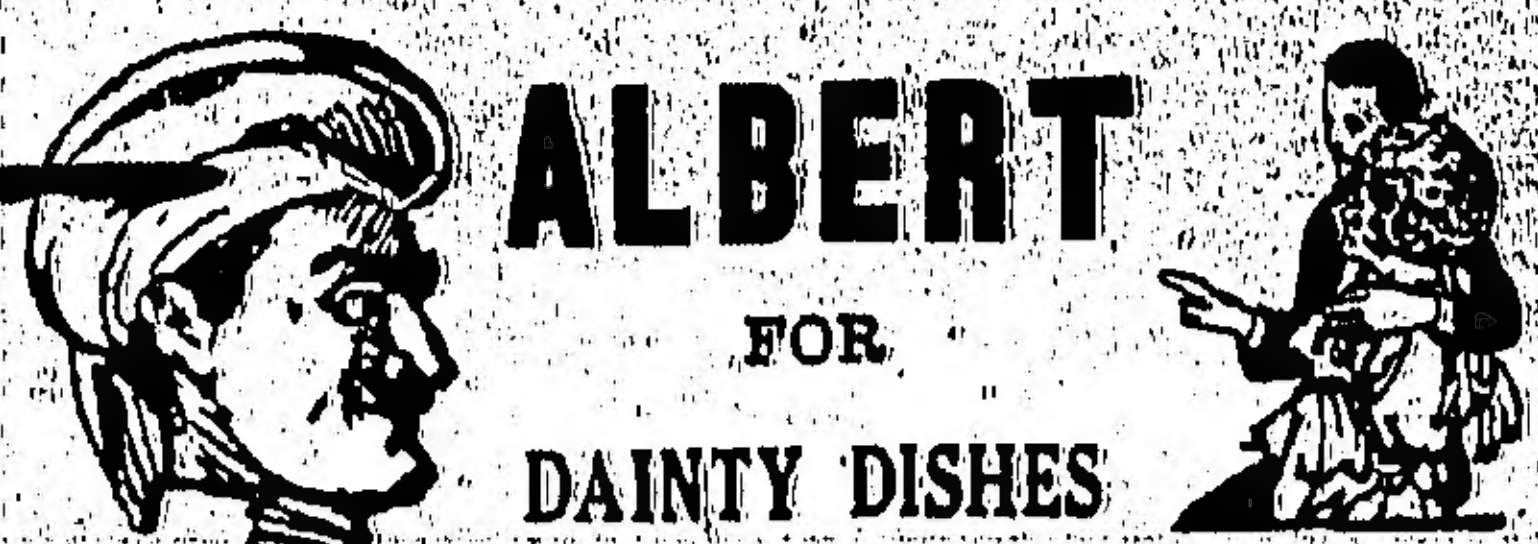
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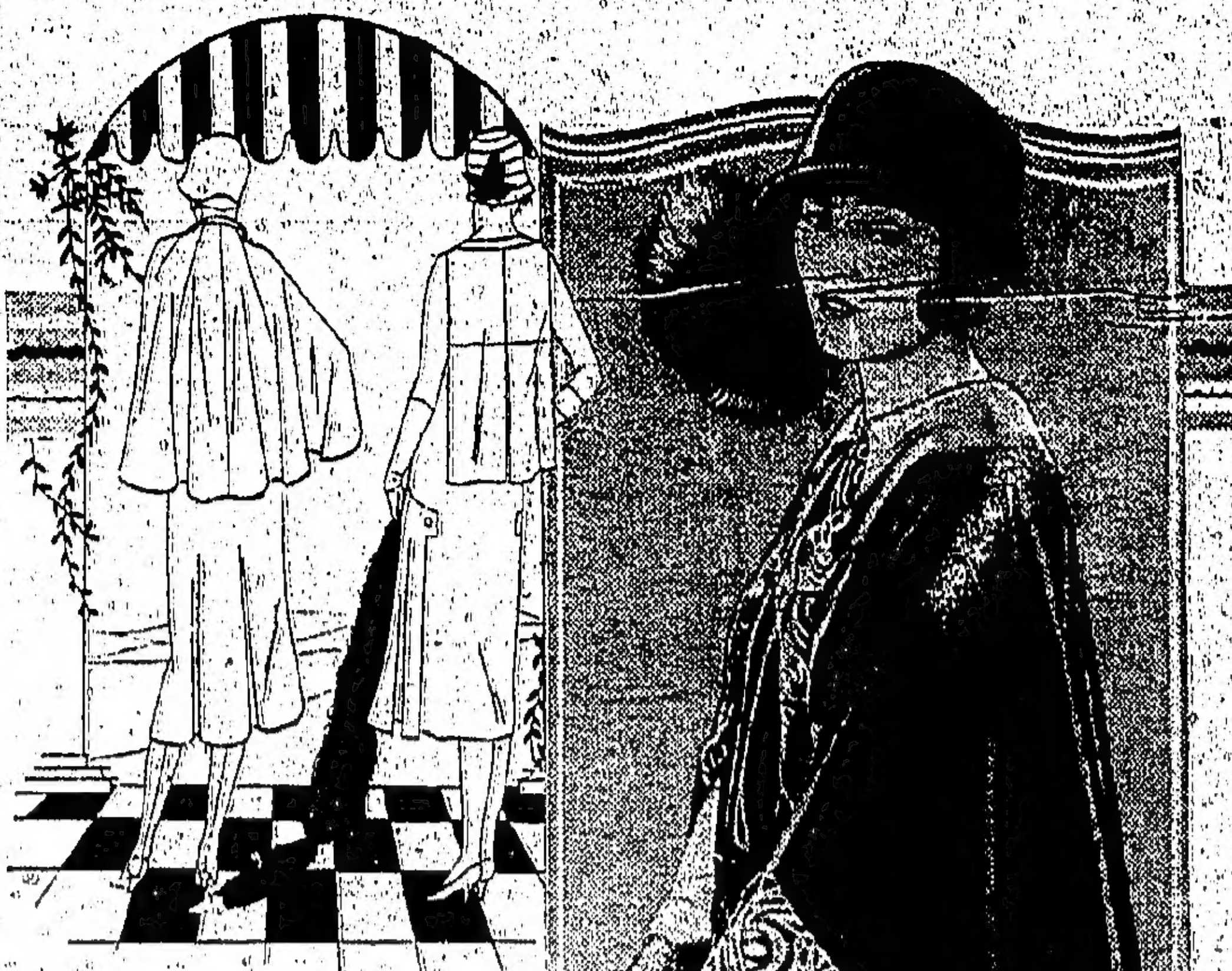
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calls for the addition of the cape.
Jauntily, it flutters from the
shoulders of the sports frock for
morning. Gracefully, it falls from
the slim shoulders of the after-
noon gown of silk or crepe, and
with exaggerated grace it trails
from the neckline of the newest
dancing frocks well below the hips
in frequent imitation of a floating
panel.

These are not the only methods
of employing the cape for smart-
ness; for the very newest of sports
coats are made different by the
military placing of the cape. The
more formal covering, too, finds a
short cape effect quite new and is
much used in the silk or chiffon
coats worn on balmy days when
just a slight covering is needed.

Creating an interest which is
quite strong, in opposition to the
sweater and skirt for sports occa-
sions, is the one piece frock of tub-
silk—striped, blocked, or figured,
which is cut along very straight
lines, and boasts a cape in the
back. This has all the appear-
ance of the ensemble frock which
is so much to be desired this
season.

Sturdier materials in Kash-
flannel, babrigan and fibre silks
in plain tones and in beautiful
combination find the cape an at-
tractive addition. They are used
with effectiveness when the frock
is of a figured material and the
cape is plain with figured trim-
ming.

The travelling frock of light
weight woollens is made smart by
the addition of the cape, which

serves the double purpose of chic
and warmth for chilly days and
nights.

The cape, which is lined with
brilliantly hued materials, flowered
or dotted, achieves a colourful
effect in novel manner when the
frock itself is of plain material.
Frequently a scarf to match the
lining of the cape carries out the
ensemble note most effectively.

The evening gown, which grows
more exotic with the passing days,
and threatens to bring into the
mode a penchant for trains, fre-
quently uses the cape to obtain
the desired effect. This cape is
long and pointed in the extreme
and falls direct from the shoulders
in graceful fashion to the ground,
where it is heavily fringed. The
fringed cape is very smart now in
formal frocks, and is also used as
a cape by itself to cover the
formal gown.

Capes used in place of coats
employ novel notes in making
them attractive. Embroidery,
laces, ostrich trimming and
fringes, with rhinestone trim-
ming for brilliance, transform

these coverings into lines of love-
liness.

In black, which is returning to
favour, chiffon and laces are used
with stunning results. They are
made interesting by the manner
in which they introduce the cape
into the mode.

Black, with a cape worn in a
new way, becomes a favourite for
the afternoons, and also is worn
into later hours in the really for-
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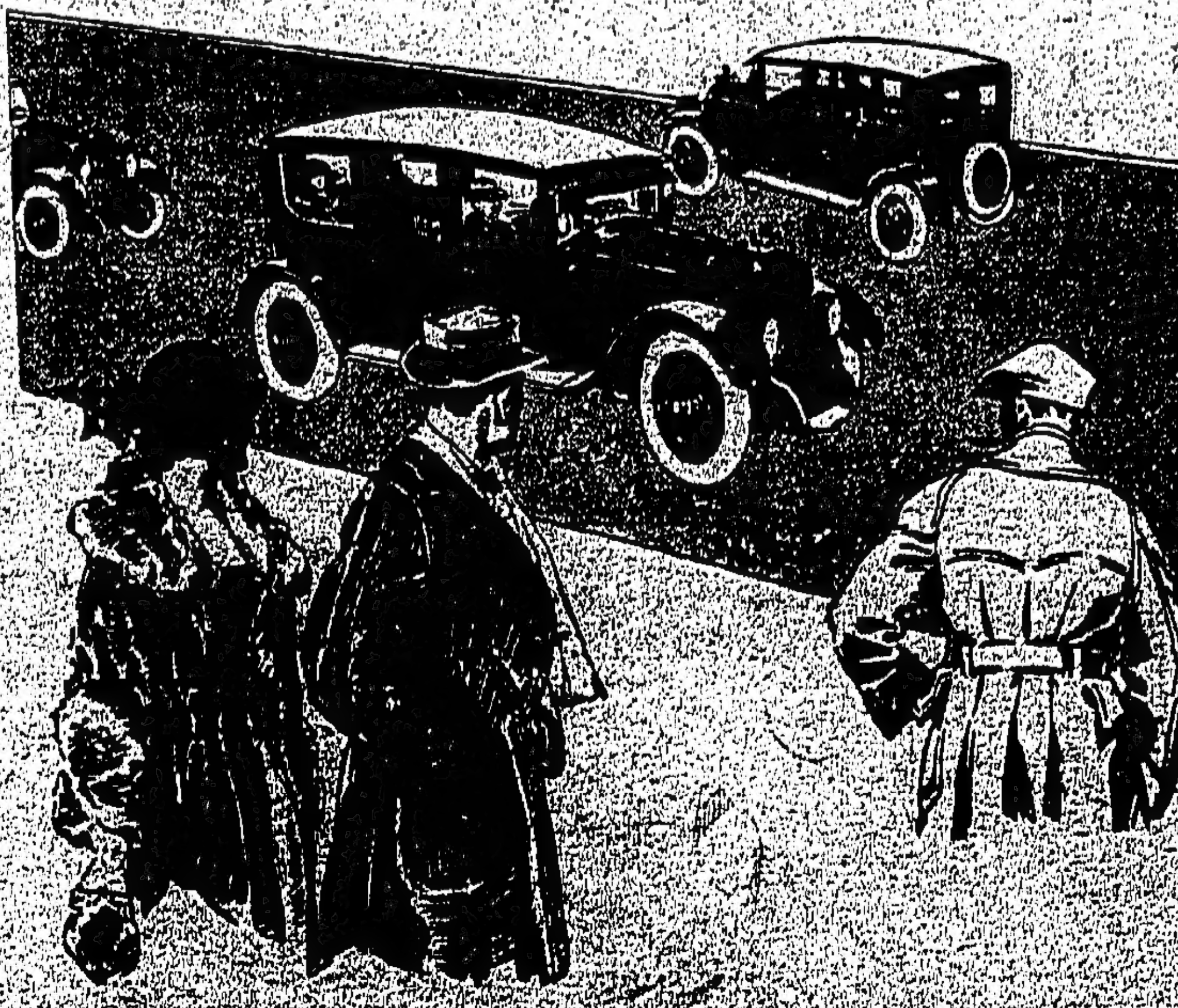
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INWARD MAILS.

FROM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

EUROPE via Suez Letters and Papers—London
21st Jan. 10.45 a.m. 11th Mar. 10.45 a.m. Rhiya.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia City of Labor
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Japan via Korea 10.45 a.m. 11th Mar. 10.45 a.m. Misima Maru

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

U.S.A. (Canada, Japan and Shanghai) Pres. Jefferson

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

Memo 1.15 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan 2.30 p.m.
Saloon 4 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central & South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 10th Mar. & Europe via Siberia (letters & Postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only.)—Ship sails on Sunday the 21st inst. at 6 p.m.
Parcels 8 p.m. Registration 6.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m. Pres. McKinley

Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (Letters and Postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only.) Rhiya 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Kaito Maru 9 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.

Shanghai and Japan Hakosaki Maru 2.30 p.m.
Amoy 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Malaya, E. & Africa & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 10th Mar. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. Automedon

Swatow and Amoy, Foochow, Kaito Maru 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 10th Mar. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. Misima Maru

Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Korea 10.45 a.m. 11th Mar. 10.45 a.m. Pusan Maru

Straits and Calcutta (Parcels) 8 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. Yoonang

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